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1. The G-3 Section of Baden, Headquarters of the Central Group of Forces (Soviet troops in Austria and Hungary), has recently been reorganized. Director of this section is Lt. Gen. Klashnin, who, upon assumption of command, was promoted from Major General.

2. The section now has three branches charged with the functions given below.

Branch 1 is responsible for the evaluation of all experiences of the recent war having a bearing on strategy and military science and knowledge. All details and records coming on the outcome of the war are to be placed at the disposal of this staff, to aid it in the completion of its mission.

Branch 2 is a branch for information concerning all units of the Red Army in Austria and Hungary. Every army, corps, and division subordinate to the Central Group of Forces assigns a liaison officer to this branch. The branch must run down every detail of both routine and extraordinary occurrences of this military unit. Deputy Chief of the branch is Major Volkovichev.

Branch 3 exercises control over all military general staff sections of the Red Army in Austria and Hungary and over all military operations involving this area.

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3. All three branches maintain close contact with each other, and Branch 2 has particularly close contact with the political- military branches of the military units and with the local leaders of the Communist Party. Local Communist leaders have standing orders to report public opinion in their districts. If the population becomes too strongly opposed to the Communist Party or the Red Army, troops are sent in strength into the area in order to resolve the situation "satisfactorily".

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